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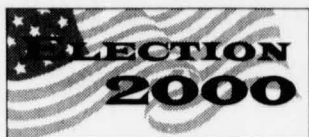
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Presidential court battle continues

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Florida Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to hear Vice President Al Gore's contest of the presidential election while Gov. George W. Bush's lawyers prepared to ask the justices to revert to an earlier court ruling that rejected a late hand recount of ballots.



A lawyer close to Bush's legal team told The Associated Press that the Republicans would ask the state's top court to reverse the

decision and uphold a state judge's ruling that concluded no recounts were allowed after the Nov. 14 deadline set in state law.

The seven state justices previously ruled the hand counts could continue beyond that deadline and be added to the official tally.

Those recounts trimmed Bush's certified lead in the state from 930 to 537 votes.

The U.S. Supreme Court abandoned the Florida decision Monday.

Students at San Jose State University had varying opinions about the Supreme Court ruling.

"I guess they should go with it until it's decided who the president is," said Ross Levine, a freshman majoring in computer science.

Kelly Atwood, a sophomore majoring in psychology, said she thought it was ridiculous that the election has gone on for so long.

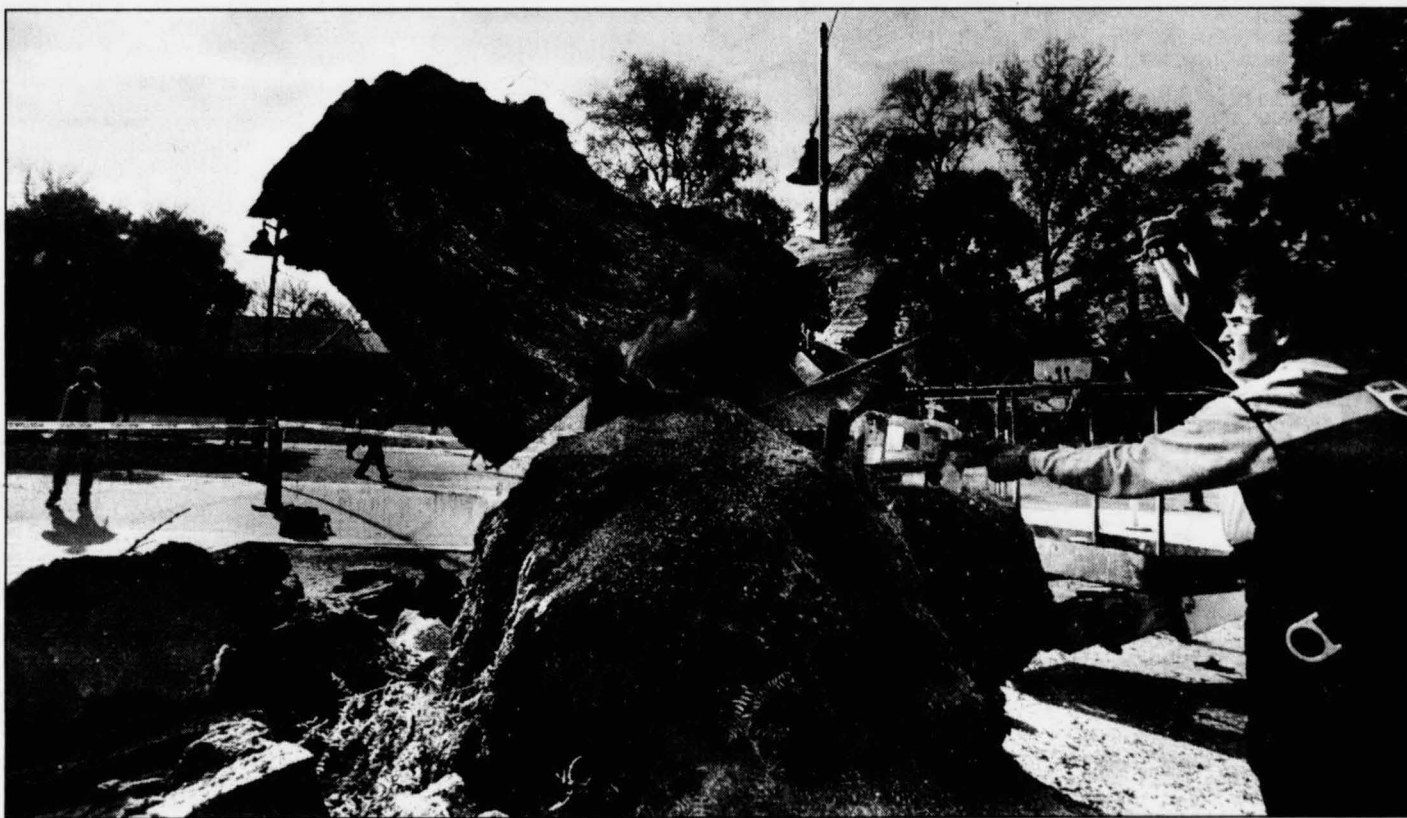
"But, what is a little bit longer going to do? If they're going to drag it out, then a couple of more weeks isn't that big of a deal," Atwood said. "Getting all the votes counted is more important than stopping and saying we've

only counted half the votes and we have a deadline, so let's stop. Because maybe my vote wouldn't be heard, and I would feel my rights were violated."

Atwood said this election is memorable because it is the first presidential election in which she is voting.

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Ground pepper



Hollow pepper trees cut down due to fungus, safety reasons

By Emily B. Zurich

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students may have noticed that the trees being cut down on campus are hollow trunks.

Dan Johnson, associate vice president for Facilities Development and Operations, said the pepper trees have a disease that rots the trunks from the inside out.

"They are susceptible to a particular fungus," Johnson said.

The fungus causes the tree to lose its core, which is important for transmitting nutrients to the branches, Johnson said.

"Once you lose that, you have to take them out," Johnson said. "When they become hollow, they have less strength. They have to bear their own weight."

Johnson said the trees can become a hazard to pedestrians and will eventually be replaced with other trees.

"It may not be a pepper tree," Johnson said. "But we have a commitment to the greenery on campus. We have a real high regard for trees, especially

because we're an urban campus."

Pat Blanquies, a senior majoring in marketing, said she thinks replacing the trees won't be as good as keeping the older trees.

"In our lifetime, we won't see a replacement for a huge tree like that," Blanquies said. "We will never see it become big like the one they took away. Now and forever, that tree is gone. You can't just grow a new one in its place."

Michael Peck, a student in the social science credential program, said he agrees with the trees being cut down.

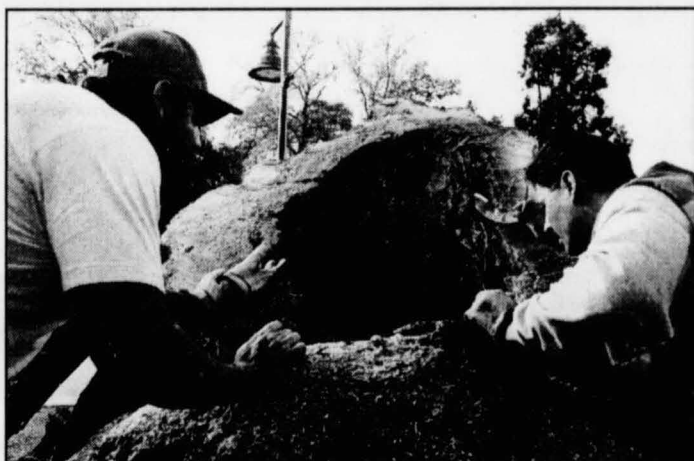
"I think it's a good idea if they're diseased," Peck said. "It could fall and kill somebody."

Three of the pepper trees recently cut down were located next to the Music building.

Edward Harris, director of the school of music and dance, said no one has complained to him about the trees being cut down.

He said he understands why the

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Photos by Tsutomu Fujita / Daily Staff

Top, A pepper tree fell in front of the Event Center after Oscar Juarez, a San Jose State University maintenance worker, cut it down with a chainsaw. The tree was infected with fungus and had to be cut down for safety reasons said Dan Johnson, associate vice president for Facilities Development, and Operations.

Above, Reuben Soto, left, and Oscar Juarez, San Jose State University maintenance workers, looked inside the stump of a hollow pepper tree that was cut down Tuesday. Soto said that ants and rats had been living inside the tree's hollowed trunk.

Language classroom in the works

By Erik Anderson

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Language department Chairman Jose Cerrudo said he wants to make a special classroom for teaching second languages.

Room 242 of Sweeney Hall will be referred to as a "smart L-2," meaning second language classroom, Cerrudo said.

The room will be a "highly imagistic and spatially dynamic environment" that will use technology as well as props and colorful wall visuals, Cerrudo said.

Modeled after a similar room at California State University's Dominguez Hills campus, the room will be used for language courses at the elementary and intermediate levels, Cerrudo said. The department offers courses in 13 languages, he added.

Cerrudo said his mission for a room began during the spring 2000 semester, when he sent a "concept paper" to then Assistant to the Provost Veril Philips, who was also chairman of the Academic Affairs' Space Advisory Committee.

Paul Brown, who has since replaced Philips as assistant to the provost and chairman of the committee, said he thought the request was unusual.

"(The room) will allow a different kind of instruction," Brown said.

Cerrudo said he received a letter on Oct. 5 confirming the committee's decision that he could proceed with obtaining financing.

Cerrudo said he requested \$3,000 from the university's development office and received \$2,500 for refurbishing the room from the California State University's lottery fund.

He also needed to fill out the "special off-the-top equipment request" form he received the day before.

Academic Affairs' Institutional Planning and Academic Resources had set aside more than \$400,000 for network and technology equipment, Cerrudo said.

He requested an overhead projector, Internet access and a wireless laptop that could be operated through the use of a "smart" touch screen.

The cost estimate is due to dean of the College of Humanities and the Arts, Carmen Sigler, by early December.

A private donor has also provided \$5,000, Cerrudo said.

The total cost of the room will come to between \$20,000 and \$30,000, similar to the cost of the room at Dominguez Hills, Cerrudo said. He said he would also need to check for unexpected costs as well.

"I have a long ways to go," he said.

Students would learn to communicate in a given language as well as learn the language, Cerrudo said.

There will be six to eight tables with chairs and the room will hold up to 20 students.

Cerrudo's desire is to make the classroom "as close to a real-life experience as possible." It would allow students to "recreate a conversation" in an airport, restaurant or market.

"Everything will be on wheels," Cerrudo said. The chairs will slide across floor "quick, silent and safe," to create the different life situations.

One advantage to using props, Cerrudo said, is that it eliminates the need to interject English words to describe the item when learning, Cerrudo said.

When referring to a potato, there is no need to think of the word "potato," first, he said.

The individual can point directly to the prop and think "papa," as it would be thought in Spanish.

"Students would learn to say the word before the writing of it," Cerrudo said.

There will be a mural of an entire city, allowing students to identify "salient features," he said, and give directions to its varied landmarks, such as a library.

Other props will include animals, play money, puppets and utensils.

"Students would learn at a level of a six-year-old," Cerrudo said. "Almost."

The plan is for the room to be open from 7:30 a.m. to 9:45 p.m.

"We will make sure that the room is occupied

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Librarian searching for new habitat for stray feline

By Diana M. Ramirez

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Across from the Scheller House, in a patch of wilderness known as the San Jose State University Botany Garden, lives a wild animal of sorts that is in danger of losing its home.

Well, it's as wild as it can be for a black cat with white socks.

The cat, a stray, used to live under the Scheller House, according to librarian Susan Klingberg.

"When the construction began on the Scheller House, we moved his (food) bowls over to the police station," Klingberg said.

Klingberg has taken to placing the cat's food bowls at the edge of the Botany Garden, next to the low brick gate surrounding the police station.

"Most of the police officers, and also FD&O (Facilities Development and Operations), have been very kind about it," Klingberg said.

One university police officer, Paul

Marshall, helps Klingberg feed the cat sometimes.

Klingberg discovered, after talking to one of the officers, that the University Police Department would be moving into their new building in the Seventh Street garage soon. The old police station should be pulled down shortly after the move, Klingberg said.

The librarian is now looking for a secluded place, similar to the Botany Garden, where the cat can reside.

"I don't have a plan because I don't

know the ins and outs of campus construction," she said. "He needs a nearby, protected place."

She and another librarian, Florie Berger, have been feeding the cat ever since they noticed him a year-and-a-half ago.

"It's quite dependent on us," Klingberg said. "He has something wrong with his hind legs, so he can't catch his own food."

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OPPOSING VIEWS Does Santa Claus exist?

Does Santa Claus exist? OPPOSING VIEWS

Santa Claus is an invention designed to commercialize Christmas. Old St. Nick only lives in children's imaginations.



Helena D. Hong
DAILY STAFF WRITER

When I was a child, I never wrote a letter to Santa Claus, left out cookies and milk or received gifts underneath my tree with his name on them.

My parents knew nothing about Christmas. We were sponsored in the early 1980s from Cambodia by a Mormon family in Davis, Calif., who showed us what Christmas was about.

Every year, I witnessed the tree going up with all of its trimmings, eggnog being served, songs being caroled and a perpetual tribute to a hefty white man in red with a white beard.

I never understood Santa Claus and his role during Christmas, and honestly, I don't feel affected by the sham of his pretend existence.

Wait, back up, did I say pretend existence? Why, yes, I did. And that is because Santa Claus, the

jolly, "ho-ho-hoing" man — surprise — does not exist. I'm not arguing whether you should tell your kids about Santa Claus in the future. What I'm dealing with is much more scientific: his true existence.

The American version of the Santa Claus figure received its inspiration and its name from the Dutch legend of Sinter Klaas, which was brought to New York by settlers in the 17th century, according to the Encarta Encyclopedia.

The Dutch-American Saint Nick became fully Americanized in 1823 in the poem "A Visit From Saint Nicholas," more commonly known as "The Night Before Christmas," by writer Clement Clarke Moore.

Moore included such details as the names of the reindeer; Santa Claus' laughs, winks and nods; and the method by which Saint Nicholas returns up the chimney after leaving presents under the tree, according to the Britannica Web site.

The American image of Santa Claus was further elaborated by illustrator Thomas Nast, who depicted a rotund Santa on Christmas issues of Harper's Magazine from the 1860s to the 1880s.

In those pictures, Nast added such details as Santa's workshop at the North Pole and Santa's list of the good and bad children of the world. Also, Coca-Cola advertisements introduced illustrated depictions of Santa Claus as a jolly fat man in 1931.

What human can keep track of billions of children's good and bad behaviors and deliver presents by himself?

Aside from annually fueling a multimillion dollar industry, Santa Claus is viewed by almost everyone older than 8 as a mythical or legendary figure.

Santa is a figment of a child's imagination. What human can keep track of billions of children's good or bad behaviors and deliver presents by himself?

While not taking the fun out of Christmas, let's get real and think of the logistics.

First, no known species of reindeer can fly. And if there were, why are they so slow about it?

Second, there are 2 billion children (people under 18) in the world. Because Santa doesn't traditionally handle the Muslim, Hindu, Jewish and Buddhist children, that reduces the workload to 15 percent of the total population of children or 378 million, according to Population Reference Bureau.

At an average census rate of 3.5 children per household, that leaves 91.8 million homes. One presumes there's at least one good child in each. Santa has 31 hours of Christmas to work with, thanks to the different time zones and the rotation of the Earth, according to calculations from Joel Potischman and Bruce Handy's Web site.

Assuming he travels east to west, this works out to 822.6 visits per second. This is to say that for each Christian household with good children, Santa has one-thousandth of a second to park, hop out of the sleigh, jump down the chimney, fill the stockings, distribute the remaining presents under the tree, eat whatever snacks have been left, get back up the chimney, into the sleigh and move on to the next house.

He is one swift man for being so plump. Whatever energy elixir he's drinking, I'd like to have some when finals roll around.

Santa is a cool idea. Unfortunately, he only exists in children's dreams.

Helena D. Hong is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

Kris Kringle lives in the souls of the young and young at heart. He typifies the jolly, giving spirit of Christmas.



Kate Kositch
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Everyone remembers when they first learned the truth about Santa Claus, whether it was from an older classmate or through sneaky observations.

From that moment on, existence of the jolly man from the North Pole was considered impossible.

Although in our maturity we have abandoned the idea that eight reindeer can fly a sleigh of toys around the world and that a fat man slides down a chimney to deliver them all in one night, there is a concept that has been overlooked.

The fact is that this jolly, giving spirit of Christmas does exist.

While most people imagine a fat man in red, Santa Claus can be embodied by anyone who performs his tasks, whether through anonymous good-doing or an altruistic holiday spirit.

"Miracle on 34th Street" is perhaps the greatest example of how people can come together to prove that Santa Claus is real.

The famous movie featured a trial that debated whether Kris Kringle was a real person.

In the film, millions of children wrote letters to Santa, persuading the court to rule that, because of the public's overwhelming acceptance of him, Santa Claus is real.

They accepted Santa Claus as a spirit that children everywhere believe in. Perhaps his existence influences them to be good all yearlong.

More than a hundred years ago, an 8-year-old girl named Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of the New York Sun, asking if there was a Santa Claus.

Francis P. Church, in his 1897 editorial, answered Virginia's letter with the utmost care and honesty.

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong," Church replied. "They do not believe except what they see... He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy."

With this editorial response to a small child's request for honesty, Church hit on the reality of the true spirit of Christmas.

The idea of "love and generosity and devotion" is what exists today and still defines Christmas.

San Jose State University's Women's Resource Center understands the meaning of the holiday spirit.

The resource center, in conjunction with Lambda Theta Alpha sorority, are putting on a "Christmas Clothes Drive" to donate to InnVision shelters in San Jose.

"We want to help the community out and involve students on campus," said Sandra Canizales, a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering who is coordinating the drive. On a larger scale, the "Toys for Tots" program, which has been around for more than 50 years, gives millions of toys to needy children during the holidays.

Working together with social welfare agencies, churches and local community agencies, "Toys for Tots" distributed more than 13 million toys to nearly 6 million children during last year's holiday season.

To "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children" is the goal of the organization.

Everywhere you look, you can see the generosity of the Christmas spirit, and it doesn't have to take the shape of a plump old man.

So, to children like Virginia and the many people around the world who are young at heart:

"Yes, there is a Santa Claus."

Santa Claus can be embodied by anyone who performs his tasks, whether through anonymous good-doing or an altruistic holiday spirit.

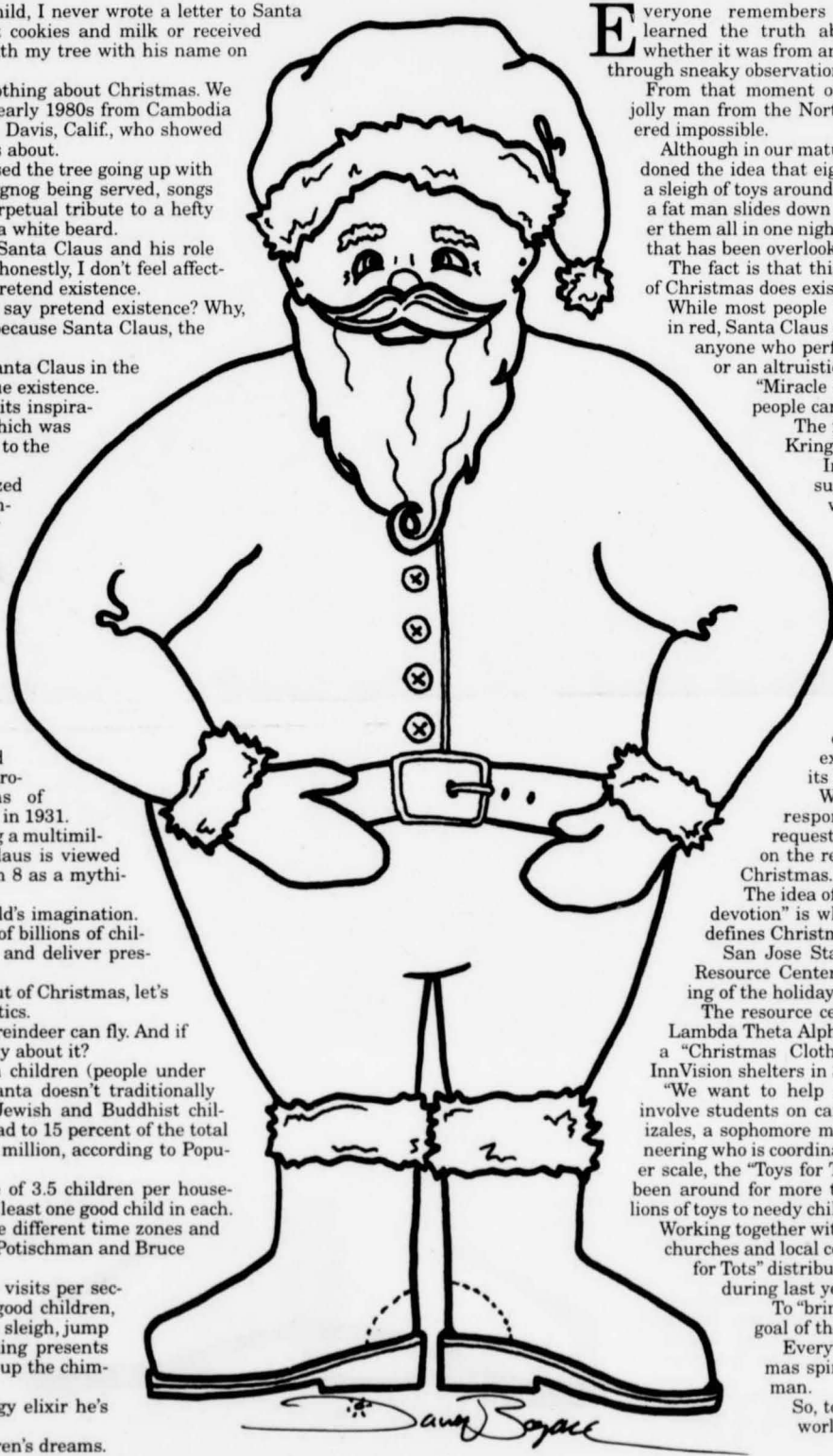


Illustration by Dawn Bozack

Kate Kositch is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

TALKING HEADS Do you believe in Santa Claus?



"No, I never did. It was a cultural thing, and I think it would've been different if I was raised here. I came (to the United States) in '92, so I was pretty old."

— Samneang Prom
freshman
management information systems



"I don't believe in the traditional Santa Claus because I found out that my parents were actually Santa Claus when I was 8 years old, and I found out we can all be Santa Claus."

— Jason Jordan
senior
occupational therapy



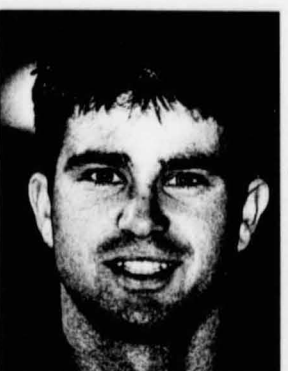
"Yeah, I do because when I was 7, I heard something downstairs and when I went to look, I swear I saw a man in red climbing up my chimney. And I also got what I wanted for Christmas."

— Runal Shah
freshman
bioengineering



"No, I don't because when I was 5, my older cousin, who was 10, told me he didn't exist. I was very upset with my mother. But I think he makes Christmas more fun for children."

— Samantha Collier
sophomore
biology



"Well, no, because he never came to my house to give me presents. But then again, I was a naughty boy."

— Doug Henry
freshman
electrical engineering



"I'm Hindu, but I was introduced to his existence by my parents when I was 10. Santa is omnipresent because that's what Christmas is mostly about. But he's mythical."

— Ramya Mehul
freshman
electrical engineering

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Time to relax after a rough year

If the photo you see in this column were true to life, I would not be smiling. I might appear quite serious or maybe even intimidating. I don't do it on purpose, but I have been told that I sometimes look unapproachable. That surprised me the first time I heard it but has been somewhat of a cross between an insult and simply a true statement ever since.

Maybe there are reasons I appear so grave. The last year alone has been a rough one.

For more than a year, I've been going through an extremely messy break-up that has done more damage to my psyche than I like to admit.

I've barely been passing my classes, and I actually managed to flunk a remedial math course last semester, possibly as a result of the deaths of both a close friend and my dog.

I'm thousands of dollars in debt, with no end in sight.

I'm not trying to throw a pity party for myself — I don't want your sympathy.

I don't deserve it because, you see, I think I've finished all of my classes. If I weren't such a procrastinator, I might have figured out whether I have any more classes to take, and I could have possibly graduated this semester.

Procrastinating is an art form I have managed to perfect.

I will probably find out if I have more classes to take by the end of the semester, but not until I talk with a couple of advisers, and that won't be until the very last minute, guaranteed.

If I have no more classes to take, I have no clue what I'm going to do.



Erin Mayes
ENOUGH SAID

I don't want to go to school anymore. Returning for a master's degree sounds like a nightmare.

But, I don't want to work either.

I want to bake in the sun on a tropical beach and drink piña colodas all day long, every day, forever.

If I did this, I would eventually get skin cancer. Also, it's a very lazy thing to do.

Not that I care.

However, unless I find some kind of sugar daddy in the next couple of months, I can't become a professional beach bum.

At this point, I'm supposed to get a job. One of my advisers told me I ought to get an internship as soon as possible, and in the meantime, I ought to come back to the Spartan Daily as a reporter.

She told me not to go out and get some high-paying job and have a happy life. Instead, I should become a journalist.

For those of you who don't know, journalists are paid very little, probably less than teachers. But, as we

always remind ourselves, we're not in it for the money. We write because we love to and because we love being the first people to know what's going on.

That's all well and good, but I am in a major state of burnout.

As the managing editor at the Daily, I've been responsible for almost every single news story that goes into the paper. A lot of people like to say that the Daily never has any news stories of any interest or importance, and to those people: I work my ass off trying to find stories for reporters to write. I'm only one person, and I'd like to see you do a better job.

After neglecting my family, friends and classes while working on the Daily for the last year, I'm tired.

Getting a job is an unfathomable thought to me right now.

Everyone keeps asking me what I'm going to do after I graduate, and I keep telling them the same thing: I don't know.

I realize now that it doesn't matter if I don't know what I want to do. My adviser would beg to differ and tell me that if I don't do something right away, I'm just going to make it harder for myself to find a job in journalism.

But, I'm still young. I believe I have plenty of time to figure out exactly what I want to do. When I finally figure it out, I want to be completely relaxed, lounging in the sand on a warm island somewhere, sipping a cool beverage with lots of rum in it.

Erin Mayes is the Spartan Daily Managing Editor. This is the last time "Enough Said" will appear.

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Today

School of Art & Design

Student galleries art exhibitions, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Science buildings. For more information, call John or Nicole at 924-4330.

SJSU Ceramic Art Guild

Holiday sale of ceramic, glass, metal, metal and fiber — all student artwork, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Art quad next to the Student Union. For more information, call Rana Schmitz at 289-1594.

Nutrition & Food Science Department

Body composition testing, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Central Classroom building, Room 221. Cost is \$5 for students and faculty. For more information, call Sherry at 206-7599.

Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)

Winter clothes drive: clothes will be collected and donated for Christmas season, boxes located in Central Classroom building, Room 203.

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Meditation — guided and instructional, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center Chapel, 300 South 10th St. All meditators are welcome. For more information, call R. Wharton at 605-1687.

REACH Program

Brown bag lunch — end of the semester celebration, noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Pacheco room. For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5950.

Anthropology & Behavioral Science Club

Panel discussion regarding the recent American Anthropological Association annual meeting. Food and beverages will be served, 3 p.m. in Washington Square Hall, Room 004. For more information, call Marlene Elwell at 241-7471.

Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Alliance

Final meeting of 2000 — pre-final stress relief activities, 5 p.m. in the Student Union, Costanoan room. For more information, call Shanna at 938-0803.

College of Social Work

Informational meeting, 4:30 p.m. in Washington Square Hall, Room 215. Hear more about this dynamic profession and the master's in social work program. For more information, call Allan Rawland at 924-5849.

Staff Artique

Sixth annual SJSU staff art/craft show, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union. For more information, call Ginny Smith at 924-5013.

SJSU Philosophy Colloquium (Dept. of Philosophy)

Peter Hadreas, "Husserl and

the Phenomenology of Racism," 4 p.m. in the Faculty Offices building, Room 104. For more information, call Bo Mou at 924-4502.

Muslim Students Association

Ramadan Mubarak! Brothers and sisters you can break your fast and pray Maghrib with fellow brothers and sisters at SJSU. Meet at 4:30 p.m. at Allen Hall with your food. Dial 4-8012 using the black phone outside the front door to enter. For more information, visit www.sjsu.edu/orgs/msa.

Canterbury Community

Supper, Fellowship, Study and Prayer for students on the Christian spiritual path, 6 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center, 300 South 10th St. For more information, call Roger Wharton at 605-1687.

Masters in Public Health Department

Holiday Gift Drive. Drop off donations until Dec. 8 in the Student Union, Barrett Ballroom. For more information, call Pattie Hee at (925) 484-2861 or Mandy Brady at (925) 228-7084.

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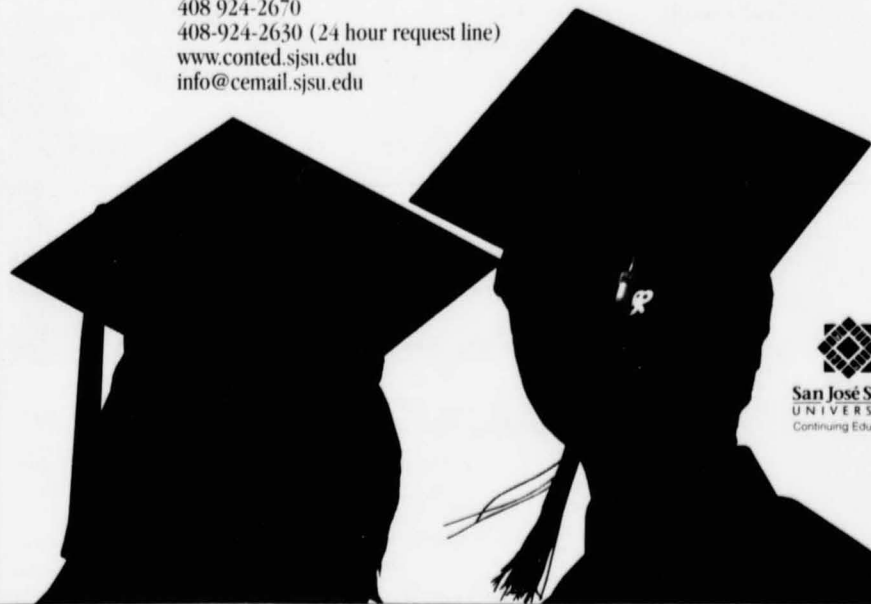
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PRESIDENT: Gore requests court to overturn Bush's certified victory in Florida as courts still hear proceedings

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"However, we are making a mockery of ourselves," Atwood said.

Cory Chung, a freshman majoring in international business, said the Florida Supreme Court made a bad decision in extending the deadline.

"I think it just justifies how the system has a lot of loopholes, and it is slowing the American people down in terms of advancing society and culture," Chung

said. "It just shows how backward we are sometimes."

Just like the students, opinions differed within the state Supreme Court.

Gore's legal team urged the state Supreme Court to restore its prior ruling allowing the recounts, saying the U.S. justices only want an explanation about legal grounds upon which it was based.

"This court's prior decision was correct and relied on traditional

canons of statutory construction and established principles," Gore lawyers wrote.

The Bush brief will argue "the only way" state justices can stick to the wishes of the U.S. Supreme Court — which set aside the state high court ruling and asked for more information — is to reject the hand recounts it allowed, said the lawyer, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Earlier, court spokesman Craig Waters said the justices

wanted written papers submitted by noon Wednesday and would hear arguments Thursday morning in Gore's effort to overturn Bush's victory.

Gore is appealing a ruling by Judge N. Sanders Sauls of Leon County Circuit Court, which rejected Gore's request for a manual recount in two counties.

Gore also requested the court overturn Bush's certified victory in the state that stands to pick the next president.

Waters said the justices had

allotted an hour for oral arguments — 30 minutes for each side.

He said the lawyers would be "dealing with whether the court should hear the case and the issues of the case as well."

Joseph Lieberman, Gore's vice presidential candidate, stood Tuesday in Washington with Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle and other supportive Democratic lawmakers as he said the Florida Supreme Court would be "the final arbiter" of the election dis-

pute. Gore asked for a ruling overturning Bush's slim lead and a manual recount of about 14,000 ballots in Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties.

The vice president also sought to change the official vote certification in Nassau County, although only 51 votes were involved there.

◆ Daily Staff Writer Beau Dowling and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

SMART L-2: Hopes classroom will be open next fall

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all day," Cerrudo said. "I'm sure my colleagues will be anxious to get into there and use the room."

Much work is left, Cerrudo said.

Claudia Martinez, a business management major who was taking a Spanish composition course, said she thinks that the use of props for learning language is appealing.

"It's easier for you to retain this word for (that) object," Martinez said.

Julio Cisneros, who's majoring in Spanish and art and taking a self-paced class in Portuguese, said he had mixed feelings about a "smart" classroom.

For his Portuguese class, he was given tapes and videos and took written and oral tests, he said. "It gives you the opportunity to study on your own."

Cisneros, conceded that with the self-paced class, he missed out on group activities.

"You don't have the advantage of a regular class when you can practice with the professor or other students," he said. "There's more interaction."

Jim Zavagno, associate director for planning design and con-

struction, said several issues are involved in renovating a room.

"First (we) look at what sort of infrastructure is needed, he said. Adequate electrical power is a major concern, Zavagno said.

Computer and data issues for a room, he said, were handled by the university's network and telecommunications services.

"(Computer and data issues are) a little out of our expertise," Zavagno added.

Cerrudo said he does not know

when the room will be completed and operational but said next fall semester would be ideal.

Cerrudo said he is planning to put the room out of service during the summer when it is not being fully used.

Classroom space is tight in Sweeney Hall, he said.

"It takes a long time to do this," Cerrudo said. "It is not something that is going to happen overnight. We can be patient."

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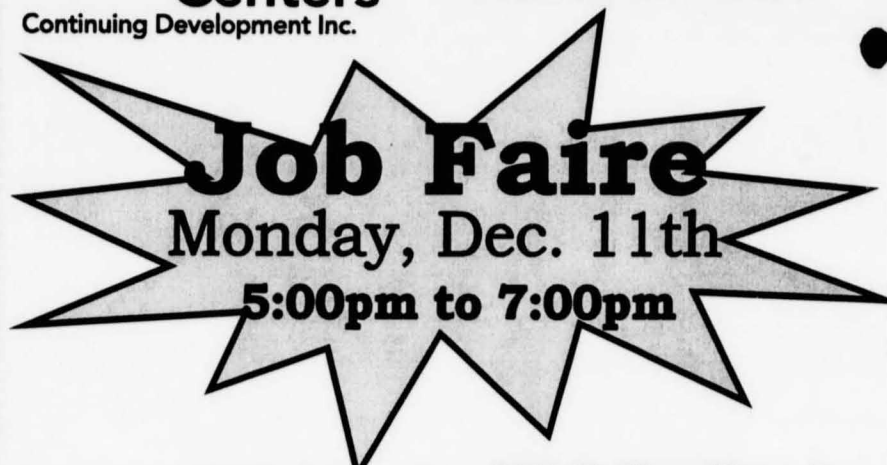


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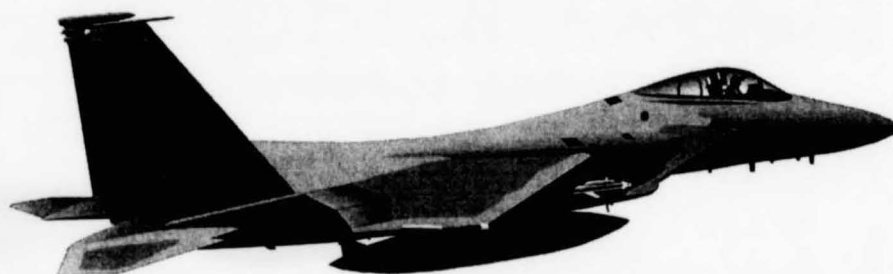
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Problems force Neil Parry to miss school

By Ben Aguirre Jr.
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Neil Parry has been on the road to recovery ever since his career and life-threatening injury and ensuing amputation. But last week, he hit a bump in that road.

"Two nights ago it started bleeding quite a bit," Parry said in an interview on Nov. 29. "It was bleeding from an artery. It was spurting and I had to go to the emergency room."

Parry said he spent the next few hours in the hospital as they treated the wound until he was able to return to his home.

Parry suffered a compound fracture to his right leg in a game against the University of Texas

at El Paso on Oct. 14, when his leg was planted in the ground and someone rolled into it. The injury became infected and led to a partial amputation.

The Sonora native was scheduled to return to classes two weeks ago, but was physically unable to.

Parry said the medication he was prescribed by physicians affected him. "I got really sick from my medication," Parry said. "I couldn't really get up and walk around. Every time I did, I'd start throwing up."



N. Parry

Parry said he was prescribed painkillers, sleeping pills and muscle relaxers.

While no timetable has been set for Parry's return, he has set a goal for himself.

"I'll be walking next semester when we come back," Parry said.

He took the first step when he walked out on the field wearing a prosthesis with his brother Josh as an honorary co-captain for the game against Fresno State University on Nov. 25.

Neil Parry said the prosthetic he used was not his personal model, and that they are still in the process of fitting him for his own.

"The one I'm wearing now, the one I went out on the field with, I can't bend my knee," Neil Parry said. "It keeps my leg straight

"If we push things, something may re-aggravate things. Once I get around I think everything will be all right"

— Neil Parry

and they want to get me in one where my knee and foot move."

Parry hasn't returned to school since the injury and indicated he will likely be given incompletes in his classes this

semester.

"It's not too bad," Parry said. "I'll just be a little behind."

Parry said that before the injury that he was having his best academic semester.

"I was doing a lot better than I was last year," Parry said. "I was getting As and Bs."

As a result of the incident, the athletic department, along with San Jose State University President Robert Caret, offered Parry an academic scholarship that would pay for his undergraduate studies, beginning next semester.

Parry, expressing his gratitude for the scholarship, said, "That is why I came to play at San Jose State, I came in as a walk-on looking to earn a scholarship."

Although he has not yet

decided on a major, Parry said he was interested in nursing or possibly business when he returns to school.

Parry said the setback may have kept him out for the remainder of the semester, but he feels that rushing back to school won't help his health.

"If we push things, something may re-aggravate things," Parry said. "Once I get up and around, I think everything will be all right."

As his former head coach, Dave Baldwin said Parry has already made great strides toward his recovery.

"(I) hope he progresses through school," Baldwin said. "He's gotten this far, and he's had some tremendous hurdles. He's taking things one day at a time."

Consecutive losses leave Spartans with room to improve

By Ben Aguirre Jr.
DAILY STAFF WRITER

After dropping two games last week, Spartan men's basketball head coach **Steve Barnes** said his team has neither played up to its ability nor has it played hard for an entire 40 minutes.

"We're doing poorly on defense, rebounding and shot selection," Barnes said. "We also have a tough job getting into games in the second half."

San Jose State University (3-2) dropped its first game of the season 71-56 to cross-town rival Santa Clara University on Nov. 29.

The Spartans traveled to Cheney, Wash. on Saturday where they were defeated 71-62 by Eastern Washington University.

Barnes said the loss at Eastern Washington was a result of

uncontested shooting.

"They shot the ball well, and we didn't do anything to curtail their shooting," Barnes said.

Barnes attributed some of the trouble to the fact that it is the first time many of his players have played Division I basketball.

"We've got five returning guys and a bunch of new guys," Barnes said.

"But we don't have an all-league player among the returnees. Right now the team is just learning and trying to get a base."

The Spartans will be playing without senior forward **Kevin Blunt**, who will be out for two to three weeks due to a foot injury,

Barnes said.

Meanwhile senior guard **Mike Garrett** leads the team in points, averaging 13.2 per game, while senior forward **Darnell Williams** leads the team in rebounds with 7.8 per game.

SJSU is scheduled to play Warner Pacific University at 8 p.m. today at the Event Center.

Women's team wakes up

The 85-68 loss the Spartan women's basketball team (3-2) suffered to Santa Clara last Wednesday in the "Clash of the County" proved to be a wake-up call for the team.

"It was an eye-opener," SJSU women's basketball head coach **Janice Richard** said. "We have to play hard to win at this level."

The Spartans put the loss behind them and traveled to Ogden, Utah on Saturday, where

they defeated Weber State University 73-64.

The win gave the Spartans their third victory of the season, which matches their win total from last season when they finished with a record of 3-24.

Richard attributed the victory to the team's willingness to unify.

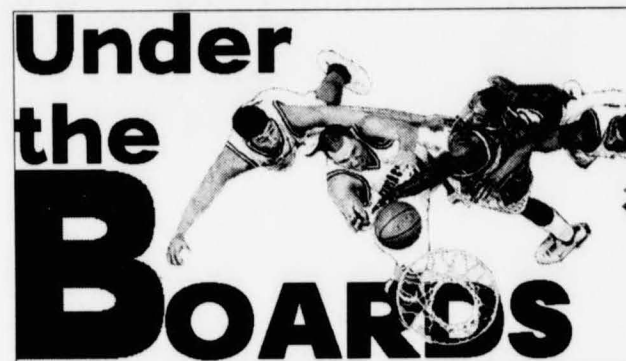
"They're still in a learning mode," Richard said. "They are starting to learn how to play together."

Richard said Weber State was weak on the perimeter and SJSU decided to exploit it.

The Spartans were led to victory by freshman guard **Crocket Williams**, who had 20 points and six assists in 36 minutes.

Richard said she is pleased with the play of the freshman, but she is still waiting for the post players to step it up.

"I'm happy," Richard said. "But not satisfied."



Junior guard **Atari Parker** leads the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging 18.2 points per game and 6.4 rebounds per game.

Parker scored a team-high 29 points Nov. 29 at home in a 85-68 loss to Santa Clara.

The Spartans open a nine-

game homestand today, when they are scheduled to host San Diego State University at 6 p.m. at the Event Center.

Richard said the homestand should prove to give the Spartans an advantage and should definitely bring her team closer together.

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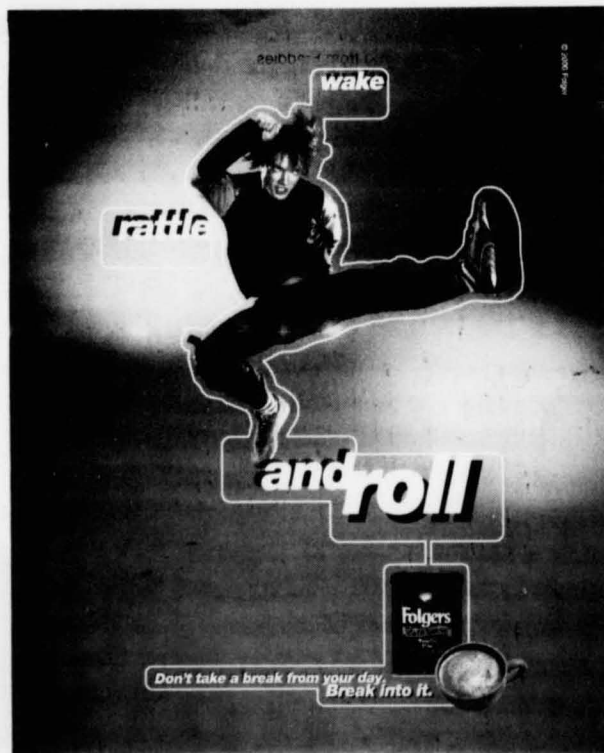
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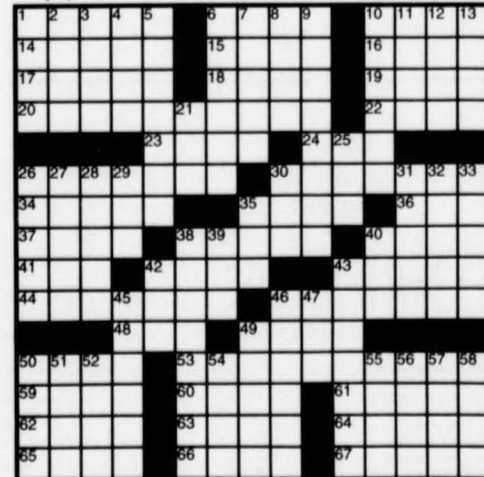
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TREE: 35 campus trees now on watch

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trees needed to be removed.

"I think they're doing it for the right reasons," Harris said. "They were beautiful old trees."

Harris said he wished he had been notified ahead of time about the noise created from the equipment used in the tree removal. Harris said some performances were disrupted by the noise.

Barbara Zimbalist, an assistant at the music and dance department office, said she hasn't heard many complaints about the trees near the Music building being cut down.

"People say it's sad because it was such a nice tree," Zimbalist said.

Johnson said the pepper trees are an emotional issue.

"I think they're doing it for the right reasons. They were beautiful old trees."

— Edward Harris, school of music and dance

"I don't think people understand trees dying," he said. "Nobody likes it, but it just is."

Johnson said 35 trees on campus are on watch for the fungus and were classified with the help of an arborist into three priority levels.

CAT: Librarian watches out for stray

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The stray is the father, and last member, of a family of cats that used to live under the Scheller House.

The mother was caught and placed with Klingberg's sister in Seattle. The pair's kittens have been caught by others and placed in homes.

The campus stray, appropriately named Papa, was caught once, neutered and released again.

"He's not wild, just wary," Klingberg said. "You can't touch him, but he comes to me because I feed him."

Other students have noticed Papa as well, such as Soren Gammelard, who sometimes eats his lunch in the Botany Garden.

"I'll sit down and be quiet and it'll come and hang out," said Gammelard, a senior majoring in creative arts. "But after a while it leaves."

Gammelard said he can see

why Papa chose the garden as his dwelling.

"That's why I like this spot so much, because it's secluded," Gammelard said.

Klingberg is looking for that same kind of seclusion for Papa's new home.

"Just a private, sheltered place in a low-traffic area for his bowls," Klingberg said.

She has even suggested that the engineering department use Papa's homelessness as a project.

"Maybe the spring class can build him a shelter," she said.

In addition, Klingberg is looking for volunteers to feed Papa during winter break.

"These are immediate situations that we need to solve," she said.

The best case scenario, Klingberg said, would be if someone were willing to adopt the cat despite his wariness of people.

"It would take somebody with patience," she said.

San Jose still No. 1 job source

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Jose held on as the country's No. 1 high-tech job source, but cities like Colorado Springs and San Francisco showed big job-growth spurts. Boston was solidly in second place.

San Jose had 252,900 high-tech jobs in the most recent statistics, according to a study released Tuesday by the NASDAQ Stock Market and the American Electronics Association, a high-tech trade association.

Boston accounted for 234,800 high-tech

jobs, followed by Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Dallas. Los Angeles, with 160,500, was ranked sixth in the 1998 figures.

The "Cybercities" study named San Francisco the second-fastest growing high-tech job city with a 65 percent increase over five years, trailing only Colorado Springs' 77 percent growth.

The average high-tech annual salary in San Jose was \$85,100, putting it second behind Seattle, where workers averaged

\$129,300. San Francisco high-tech wages were fourth in the nation, at an average of \$78,400. In some areas in the country, high-tech wages were as much as 220 percent higher than other private sector wages.

Silicon Valley was found to be falling behind the East Coast in university research and development ventures, the study said.

Critics of the study say it is flawed because it uses government data which is two years old and possibly out of date for the fast-moving high-tech world.

Razor scooter makers face injunction

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge issued a preliminary injunction Tuesday barring six makers of popular aluminum scooters from selling models that allegedly infringe on a patent held by industry leader Razor USA.

The ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Manuel Real was not expected to reduce the number of scooters available during the holiday shopping season.

Attorneys for several of the defendants in Razor USA's lawsuit said that thousands of scooters their companies have already shipped to stores can still be sold and they can easily retrofit other scooters to comply with the

court's order.

Attorney Daniel Cislo, representing three of the manufacturers, said it would cost his clients "a buck or two" per scooter to change the design of the rear fender brake.

Cislo said he will appeal the injunction and warned that it may cause other scooter manufacturers to dump products on the market, bringing down prices and harming Razor.

"The children of America will have their scooters," Cislo said.

The injunction covers scooters made by Gen X Sports, K2, Titan, Wyco, Zenital and Yunn Haaar Enterprises Inc. Their scooters are marketed under a variety of

names.

Razor USA's attorney had no comment after the hearing. A trial was set for Jan. 30.

The company's attorneys argued Monday that the defendants infringed on a Razor patent and copied distinctive features of its scooters.

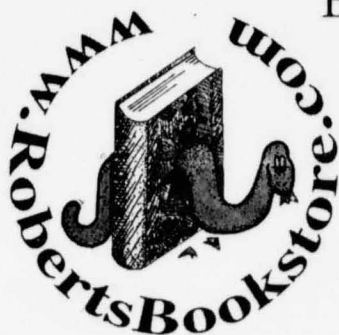
Razor has reached settlements with several of the original 16 defendants which will allow them to sell their existing supplies of scooters in return for a royalty payment on the patent. After their supplies are depleted, the companies will have to redesign their rear brake and, in some cases, change the look of the scooter, including the rectangular

foot pad and oval grip tape.

"What they have acknowledged is they can redesign around the patent, which is exactly what we want them to do," Brian Sieve, an attorney for Razor USA, said Monday. "All we want them to do is stop infringing our patent."

The company sells scooters made by Taiwan-based JD Corp. It was assigned a U.S. patent on Oct. 31 for the rear fender, which acts as a brake when stepped on. The next day, the company filed a patent infringement lawsuit in federal court.

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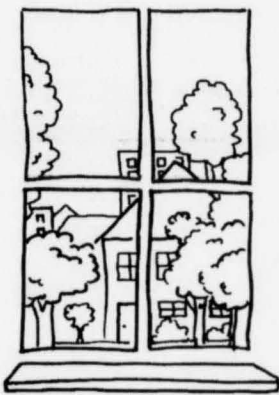
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